

EXHIBIT F



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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2018-008714
Request No. DOJ-2018-005746
MWH:ADF

VIA: FOIAonline

Dear Mr. Wiegmann:

You attempted to appeal, on behalf of your client, [REDACTED] B [REDACTED], from the failure of the Initial Request Staff (IR Staff) of the Office of Information Policy to respond to her Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning her asylum case.

Department of Justice regulations provide for an administrative appeal to the Office of Information Policy only after there has been an adverse determination by a component. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.8(a) (2017). As no adverse determination has yet been made by the IR Staff, there is no action for this Office to consider on appeal.

As you may know, the FOIA authorizes requesters to file a lawsuit when an agency takes longer than the statutory time period to respond. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(C)(i). However, I can assure you that this Office has contacted the IR Staff and has been advised that your request is currently being processed. If you are dissatisfied with the IR Staff's final response, you may appeal again to this Office.

This Office has forwarded a copy of your letter to the IR Staff. You should contact the IR Staff's Requester Service Center at (202) 514-3642 for further updates regarding the status of your client's request.

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If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

10/24/2018

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Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals ...
Signed by: MATTHEW HURD